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December 20, 2017

Federal Election Commission
c/o Kathryn Ross
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

VIA FACSIMILE: (202) 219-3923

Re: MUR 7292 Designation of Counsel

Dear Ms. Ross:

In addition to the Designation of Counsel submitted to the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") on November 7, 2017, which included Friends of Cliff Stearns and the committee's treasurer, Joan Stearns, the attached Designation of Counsel applies to Representative Cliff Stearns in his present capacity. The complaint was not filed against Mr. Stearns and he was not added as a Respondent in any correspondence from the Office of General Counsel ("OGC"). We were subsequently contacted (after responses were submitted by named Respondents) by OGC staff (you) who stated that you personally felt that Mr. Stearns should have been included as a Respondent also. This process of OGC staff taking it upon themselves to name Respondents is, to say the least, strange. Nonetheless, the response we submitted to the Commission on November 21, 2017, now applies to Representative Stearns, Friends of Cliff Stearns, and Joan Stearns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR # 7292

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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

12/20/2017

Date



Respondent/Client Signature

Candidate

Title

Respondent/Client:

Representative Cliff Stearns
P.O. Box 308
Silver Springs, FL 33471

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Information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission and the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(12)(A) apply. This section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation.

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